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Statement Regarding Curtis Wehmeyer

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After pleading guilty in November to charges of criminal sexual conduct and possession of child pornography, Curtis Wehmeyer was sentenced today in Ramsey County District Court to five years imprisonment, and immediately taken into custody.

In June, the archdiocese was informed of Wehmeyer's criminal actions with a minor and immediately reported the situation to the St. Paul police. The archdiocese cooperated fully with the ensuing police investigation, and in accord with archdiocesan policy and the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Wehmeyer was immediately removed from all of his ministerial duties. Upon pleading guilty, the archdiocese petitioned the Holy See for Wehmeyer's dismissal from the clerical state, which, if accepted will prohibit him from ever exercising priestly ministry.

Wehmeyer was ordained a priest in 2001, and served as parochial vicar at St. Joseph parish in West St. Paul between 2001 and 2006. He served as parochial administrator of Blessed Sacrament parish in St. Paul from 2006 to 2009, and was named pastor on July 1, 2009. Blessed Sacrament merged with St. Thomas the Apostle on July 1, 2011, and Wehmeyer remained pastor until he was removed on June 21 of this year.

The archdiocese deeply regrets the pain caused by Wehmeyer's actions and continues to offer support and assistance to all concerned. Anyone having knowledge of misconduct within a parish or school should call the proper authorities and is encouraged to notify the archdiocese at 651-291-4497.

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